

REMARKS

In response to the Office Action dated June 29, 2004, Applicant respectfully requests reconsideration.

Claims 4-6 and 8-13 stand rejected under 35 USC 101 for double patenting in view of claims 4-6 and 8-13 of U.S. Patent No. 6,693,371 (the '371 patent). Claims 8-13 have been canceled without prejudice and claims 4-6 have been amended by way of an amendment to claim 1 upon which claims 4-6 depend. Thus, the rejection of claim 8-13 is moot and the rejection of claims 4-6 is inapplicable as these claims are not coextensive with claims 4-6 of the '371 patent.

Claims 1-3 and 7 stand rejected under the judicially created doctrine of obviousness-type double patenting. These claims have been amended, claim 1 itself and claims 2-3 and 7 by way of their dependence upon claim 1. A terminal disclaimer will be filed if appropriate.

Claims 1-3 and 7 stand rejected under 35 U.S.C. 103(a) in view of U.S. Patent No. 5,994,794 (Wehrlen) in view of U.S. Patent No. 5,917,696 (Peng). Applicants respectfully assert that claim 1, and claims 2-3 and 7, that each depend directly from claim 1, are allowable in view of Wehrlen and Peng.

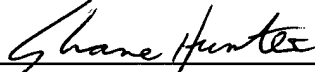
Wehrlen and Peng, alone or in combination, fail to teach, disclose, or suggest the uninterruptible power supply (UPS) recited in independent claim 1. Wehrlen discusses electrical components of a UPS, and the Examiner noted that Wehrlen is silent regarding the structure of the housing of the UPS. Peng discusses a housing for a personal computer. Peng's housing includes several openings (FIG. 2) for receiving connectors that may be attached to the housing to fixedly fill the openings (e.g., being screwed to the housing) as is known in the art. Peng's device does not include a door movably coupled to the housing, nor does Peng suggest such an apparatus. Conversely, claim 1 recites a chassis of a UPS and a door movably coupled to the chassis between an open position and a closed position, a DC voltage source being substantially enclosed by the door and the chassis when the door is in the closed position, and the DC voltage source being accessible through the chassis when the door is in the open position. Peng is concerned with personal computers that do not use replaceable batteries and thus it would not be obvious to modify Peng's housing to include the recited movable door. For at least this reason, claim 1, and claims 2-3 and 7 that depend from claim 1, are allowable in view of Wehrlen and

Peng, either alone or in combination. Claims 4-6 depend directly or indirectly from claim 1 and are thus patentable over Wehrlen and Peng for at least these same reasons.

Applicants have added new claims 14-23. Claims 14-18 depend directly from claim 1 and are therefore allowable over Wehrlen and Peng for at least the reasons discussed above. No new matter is introduced by these claims. Further, new independent claim 19 does not introduce new matter and is believed to be in allowable condition.

Based on the foregoing, this application is believed to be in allowable condition, and a notice to that effect is respectfully requested. The Examiner is invited to call the Applicants' Attorney at the number provided below with any questions.

Respectfully submitted,



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